Is my foster child an eligible family member for FEHB?

**Eligibility**

Your foster child under age 26 is eligible for FEHB coverage. This means that:

- You must have a [parent-child relationship](#) with the child.
- You must be the child’s primary source of financial support.
- You must live with the child and expect to raise the child to adulthood.

**Example:** You live with and support a child whose parents died and is a close relative of yours. This child qualifies as your foster child for FEHB.

**Example:** Your foster child turns 18 and moves into her own apartment. Since she doesn’t live with you, she is not eligible for FEHB coverage on your plan.

**Eligibility Documents**

You must provide all of the following documents to prove eligibility:

- Certification of foster child status; and
- Documentation that shows you provide regular and significant financial support for the child such as:
  - State or Federal benefits programs listing the child as your dependent.
  - The first page of your most recent tax return listing the child as your dependent.
  - Canceled checks, money orders, or receipts for periodic payments from you for or on behalf of your child.

- Your child’s official birth certificate.

**Note:** You may also include a copy of a court order naming you or your spouse as the child’s legal guardian, if applicable.